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SUBJECT: ARTICLE XXIV:6 NEGOTIATIONS

REF: COPENHAGEN 2940

1. EMBOFF DISCUSSED ARTICLE XXIV:6 NEGOTIATIONS
WITH KUEHN, THE RESPONSIBLE OFFICIAL IN THE ECONOMICS
MINISTRY. KUEHN REPORTED THAT THE FRG MAINTAINS ITS
STRONG COMMITMENT TO REACH AGREEMENT WITH THE US
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ON THIS ISSUE AND IS PREPARED TO AGREE TO ANY

PROPOSAL THAT IS ACCEPTABLE TO THE OTHER EC MEMBERS. HE SAID THAT KRAFT PAPER, PINEAPPLE AND FROZEN BEEF REMAIN THE CONTENTIOUS ITEMS. AS FAR AS THE NATURE OF THE CONCESSION ON KRAFT PAPER IS CONCERNED, KUEHN SAID THAT THE FRG FAVORED, AND HAD PROPOSED, AN MFN CUT AS PREFERABLE TO A TARIFF QUOTA. WHILE SOME COMMISSION OFFICIALS AGREE IN SUBSTANCE, KUEHN SAID, THEY BELIEVE THAT TACTICALLY A TARIFF QUOTA WOULD RESULT IN A MORE "PRESENTABLE" CONCESSION AS FAR AS THE US IS CONCERNED. BASICALLY THEIR CONCERN WAS THAT IF AN MFN CUT IS AGREED TO, THE FRENCH WOULD PROBABLY INSIST THAT IT BE ABOUT ONE PERCENTAGE POINT.

2. KUEHN REFUSED TO SPECULATE ON WHEN THE EC WOULD BE READY TO SUBMIT ITS FINAL OFFER TO THE U.S. HE SAID HE HOPED THAT THE US UNDERSTOOD THAT THE FORTHCOMING OFFER WAS INDEED FINAL AND DEFINITIVE AND THAT WE SHOULD BE UNDER NO ILLUSIONS THAT WE COULD REJECT IT OUT OF HAND AND EXPECT THE EC TO GO BACK TO THE DRAWING BOARD. HE SAID HE DIDN'T KNOW HOW THE EC WOULD REACT HOWEVER IF THE US RESPONDED TO THE EC PROPOSAL WITH A COUNTER-PROPOSAL LIMITED TO MINIMUM ACCEPTABLE CHANGES IN THE EC OFFER.

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